

## The Importance Of Tawheed, Part 4 of 8

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### *Is Tawheed Ur-Ruboobiyyah sufficient?*

Guidance is beneficial knowledge and the true and correct Religion is righteous actions. It is not possible for this nation to unite, except through beneficial knowledge and righteous actions, of which the foundation is At-Tawheed, and this is singling Allaah (Subhaanahu wa Ta'aala) out with all types of worship.

What is Tawheed?

It is to single Allaah out with all worship.

Also, Tawheed is not like some of the ignorant people claim or some of the misguided people say. They say that: "At-Tawheed is to affirm the existence of Allaah or to affirm that Allaah is the Creator, Sustainer and the One who gives life and brings death."

This is a type of Tawheed, but not the Tawheed that is requested and sought specifically. That type of Tawheed is the one that those who are astray and ignorant claim is Tawheed. That type was affirmed even by the polytheists at the time of the Prophet (Sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam), but this never entered them into the fold of Al-Islam.

Allaah the Most High said:

"And if you were to ask them (the polytheists): 'Who created the heavens and the earth?' They would say: 'Allaah'."  
Soorah Luqmaan (31):25

Also Allaah the Most High said:

"Say (O Muhammad): 'Who provides for you from the sky and the earth? Or who owns hearing and sight? Who brings out the living from the dead and brings out the dead from the living? Who disposes the affairs?' They will say Allaah."  
Soorah An-Naml(27):64

And Allaah the Most High said:

"Say (O Muhammad): 'Whose is the earth and everything in it, if you truly know?' They will say it belongs to Allaah."  
Soorah Al-Mu'minoon (23):84-85

So we see that they (polytheists) were those who affirmed that Allaah was the Creator, the Sustainer, He was the One who possesses that which is in the heavens and the earth and that which is between them. However, they were still polytheists and this did not enter them into al-Islam.

It will not enter them into Al-Islam until they affirm and acknowledge that all worship belongs to Allaah and they single Allaah (Subhaanahu wa Ta'aala) out with all worship and they abandon the worship of the statues, idols, trees and stones. Also, they purify their worship for Allaah. They then will become Muslims.

This is due to the fact that Tawheed ur-Ruboobiyyah (Unity in Allaah's Lordship) is not sufficient. Abu Jahl affirmed this (Ar-Ruboobiyyah) and he was the leader of disbelief. Also, Abu Lahab and all of the disbelievers affirmed Tawheed ur-Ruboobiyyah and that Allaah was the Creator, Sustainer, the One who brings life and gives death, the Disposer of the affairs, but they worshipped statues along with Him, such as Al-Laat, Al-Uzza and Al-Manaat.

They affirmed Tawheed ur-Ruboobiyyah, but they were polytheists in Tawheed ul-Uloohiyyah, and Tawheed ur-Ruboobiyyah is of no benefit without Tawheed ul-Uloohiyyah.

Therefore it is necessary that Tawheed ul-Uloohiyyah is fulfilled. Tawheed ul-Uloohiyyah is to single Allaah out with worship and to abandon the worship of anything other than Him.

As Allaah the Most High said:

**"And We sent to every nation a Messenger commanding them to worship Allaah alone and to stay away from at-Taaghoot (false deities)..."**  
**Soorah An-Nahl (16):36**

And Allaah the Most High said:

**"Worship Allaah and do not associate anything as partners along with Him."**  
**Soorah An-Nisaa (4):36**

Who are 'the people' that the Prophet (Sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) was commanded to fight? Surely they are those who said that "Allaah the Most High is the Creator, the Sustainer and the One who gives life and brings death."

The Prophet (Sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) said:

**"I was commanded to fight the people until they say that 'None has the right to be worshipped except for Allaah.' And if they said this, then their blood and their wealth would be safe and protected from me."**

The polytheists used to affirm that Allaah was the Creator, the Sustainer, and the One who disposes of the affairs. They affirmed and acknowledged the fact that their false deities that they worshipped did not create, nor did they sustain and neither did they dispose of anything. Rather, they claim that they only took them as intercessors and intermediaries, between themselves and Allaah. This is what they claimed.

Therefore, even though they affirmed Tawheed ur-Ruboobiyyah, when the Prophet (Sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) said to them: "Say: 'None has the right to be worshipped except Allaah alone" (La ilaaha illallaah). They (the polytheists) said, as Allaah the Most High informs us in the Qur'aan:

**"They said: 'has he made the Aaliha (false deities), all of them, into one ilaah? Verily this is a strange thing!'**

**And the leaders from amongst them went about saying, "Go on and remain constant to your Aaliha (false deities). Verily, this is a thing designed against you. We have not heard the likes of this in the Religion of these latter days.**

**This is nothing but an invention!"**

**Soorah Saad (38):5-7**

So they disbelieved in the Messenger (Sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) and they accused him of lying when he called them to Tawheed ul-Uloohiyyah, even though they affirmed Tawheed ur-Ruboobiyyah.

Allaah the Most High said in another verse:

**"Verily if it is said to them, 'Say: La ilaaha illaAllaah' - they will turn away in pride. And they said, 'Are we going to abandon our Aaliha (false deities), for the sake of a mad poet?' Nay! He (Muhammad) has come with the truth and he confirms the Messengers."**

**Soorah As-Saffaat (37):35-37**